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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, CY, GR, TU
SUBJ: TIMING OF CYPRUS DEBATE

1. GREEK PERMREP CARAYANNIS APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT AFTERNOON OCTOBER 22 TO ASK WHETHER IT WAS TRUE U.S. WAS STILL SEEKING TO POSTPONE CYPRUS DEBATE BEYOND OCTOBER 28. HE SAID HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WAS DUE HERE THIS COMING WEEKEND FOR OCTOBER 28 OPENING OF DEBATE AND HE DID NOT WANT HIM TO ARRIVE ONLY TO FIND THAT MEETING HAD BEEN POSTPONED.

2. BENNETT REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR SCALI WAS ATTEMPTING TO SEE GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA AND WNET ON TO EXPLAIN REASONING BEHIND OUT REQUEST FOR DELAY IN CYPRUS DEBATE. TURKS DO NOT EVEN HAVE FOREIGN MINISTER AT PRESENT BUT SHOULD HAVE GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER BY EARLY NOVEMBER. SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANS TO VISIT ANKARA IN EARLY DAYS OF NOVEMBER AND BELIEVES HE COULD ACCOMPLISH MORE WITH TURKS BEFORE RATHER THAN AFTER CYPRUS DEBATE IN GA. BENNETT REMINDED CARAYANNIS THAT DEBATE WILL PROBABLY DESCEND INTO ACRIMONY AND AGREED THIS WOULD NOT BE GOOD BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH TO TRY TO FIND CYRPUS SOLUTION.

3. CARAYANNIS SAID GREEKS HAD ALREADY AGREED TO DELAY
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BEYOND THEIR PREFERRED DATE. HE WANTED, AS HE HAS

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MAINTAINED FROM BEGINNING, TO HAVE BRIEF DEBATE OF ABOUT
THREE DAYS IN AS LOW KEY AS POSSIBLE AND DISPOSE OF THE
MATTER AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. IN HIS OPINION IT WOULD
BE BETTER TO GET CYPRUS DEBATE OVER WITH AS A WAY TO
MINIMIZE ITS EFFECT ON CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. HE EXPRESSED
HOPE THEREFORE THAT WE WOULD NOT GO ALL OUT TO
OBTAIN FURTHER DELAY, AND WONDERED IF WE WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO
MOVE POSTPONEMENT IN EVENT GA ASSEMBLED ON CYPRUS ON OCTOBER 28.

4. BENNETT ASKED CARAYANNIS WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON
RESOLUTION. CARAYANNIS SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH NON-ALIGNED
COMMITTEE IN EFFORT TO GET AS SIMPLE RESOLUTION AS POSSIBLE
AND ONE ONE WHICH TURKS COULD AT LEAST ABSTAIN IF NOT VOTE
YES. BENNETT COMMENTED HE HAD HEARD MAKARIOS WAS WORKING
WITH NON-ALIGNED. WOULD CARAYANNIS OR MAKARIOS HAVE GREATER
INFLUENCE WITH NON-ALIGNED? AFTER BRIEF REFLECTION,
CARAYANNIS REPLIED HE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TH GREATER
INFLUENCE. A RESOLUTION TOO WEIGHTED AGAINST TURKS WOULD
SPLIT THE NON-ALIGNED, AND IN HIS VIEW THE NON-ALIGNED
WOULD BE VERY CAREFUL TO FIND LANGUAGE BEHIND WHICH WHOLE
GROUP COULD UNITE. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR TO HIM THAT RESOLUTION
WHICH PASSED OVER OPPOSITION OF ONE OF
THE IMMEDIATE PARTIES WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTION.
HE WAS THEREFORE OPTIMISTIC THAT LANGUAGE COULD BE
FOUND FOR MIDDLE OF THE ROAD RESOLUTION.
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